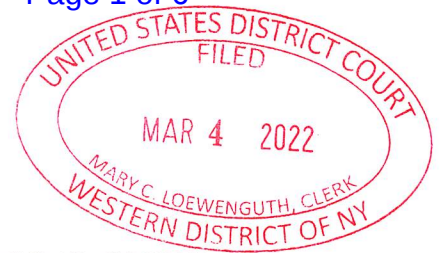


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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**FORM TO BE USED IN FILING A CIVIL COMPLAINT IN FEDERAL COURT  
(Non-Prisoner Context)**

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**1. CAPTION OF ACTION**

**A. Full Name of Plaintiff:** **NOTE:** *If more than one plaintiff files this action and seeks in forma pauperis status, each plaintiff must submit an in forma pauperis application or the only plaintiff to be considered will be the plaintiff who filed an application.*

Ennis Edward Ruffin

-vs-

**B. Full Name(s) of Defendant(s)** **NOTE:** *Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 10(a), the names of all parties must appear in the caption. The court may not consider a claim against anyone not identified in this section as a defendant. Add a separate sheet, if necessary.*

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. New York State Parole | 4. _____ |
| 2. Niagara County        | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____                 | 6. _____ |

**2. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION, VENUE and NATURE OF SUIT**

*All of these sections **MUST** be answered*

*Identify the basis for federal Court jurisdiction over your claim, such as that the United States government is a party to the action, all the parties reside in different states and therefore you claim diversity jurisdiction, or the claim presents a federal question or arises under federal law.*

**A. Basis of Jurisdiction in Federal Court:** Federal Court has exclusive Jurisdiction over Civil matters involving local municipalities and State government.

*State why the Western District of New York is the proper venue for this action, such as that your claim arises in or the defendant resides in the 17 westernmost counties of New York State.*

**B. Reason for Venue in the Western District:** The incident and where the Claim arose was in Niagara County, one of the 17 Western most Counties in New York State.

*Identify the nature of this action, such as that it is a civil rights claim, a personal injury or personal property (tort) claim, a property rights claim, or whatever it is.*

**C. Nature of Suit:** Civil Rights Violation for false arrest.

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**3. PARTIES TO THIS ACTION**

**PLAINTIFF'S INFORMATION** NOTE: *To list additional plaintiffs, use this format on another sheet of paper.*

Name of First Plaintiff: Ennis Edward Ruffin

Present Address: 1570 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls NY 14303

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Name of Second Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION** NOTE: *To list additional defendants, use this format on another sheet of paper.*

Name of First Defendant: New York State Parole

Official Position of Defendant (if relevant): Attorney General of New York State

Address of Defendant: The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224

Albany Office of the Attorney General Litigation Bureau Justice Bldg, 2nd floor / Albany, NY 12224

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Name of Second Defendant: Niagara County

Official Position of Defendant (if relevant): County Attorney of Niagara County

Address of Defendant: 175 Hawley Street Suite 323

Lockport, NY 14094

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Name of Third Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Position of Defendant (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURT**

A. Have you begun any other lawsuits in **state or federal court** dealing with **the same facts involved in this action**?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, complete the next section. NOTE: *If you have brought more than one lawsuit dealing with the same facts as this action, use this format to describe the other action(s) on another sheet of paper.*

1. Name(s) of the parties to this other lawsuit:

Plaintiff(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Docket or Index Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Judge to whom case was assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

5. The approximate date the action was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the disposition of the case?

Is it still pending? Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, give the approximate date it was resolved. \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition (check those statements which apply):

☐ Dismissed (check the statement which indicates why it was dismissed):

- ☐ By court *sua sponte* as frivolous, malicious or for failing to state a claim upon which relief can be granted;
- ☐ By court for failure to prosecute, pay filing fee or otherwise respond to a court order;
- ☐ By court due to your voluntary withdrawal of claim;

☐ Judgment upon motion or after trial entered for

- ☐ plaintiff
- ☐ defendant.

### **5. STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

**Please note** that it is not enough to just list the ground(s) for your action. You **must** include a statement of the facts which you believe support each of your claims. In other words, just tell the story of what happened and do not use legal jargon.

**Fed.R.Civ.P. 8(a)** states that a pleading must contain "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." "The function of pleadings under the Federal Rules is to give fair notice of the claim asserted. Fair notice is that which will enable the adverse party to answer and prepare for trial, allow the application of res judicata, and identify the nature of the case so it may be assigned the proper form of trial." Simmons v. Abruzzo, 49 F.3d 83, 86 (2d Cir. 1995).

**Fed.R.Civ.P. 10(b)** states that "[a]ll averments of claim ... shall be made in numbered paragraphs, the contents of each of which shall be limited as far as practicable to a single set of circumstances."

**A. FIRST CLAIM:** On (date of the incident) August 30th 2017 around 6:00 pm,  
 defendant (give the name and (if relevant) the position held of each defendant involved in this incident) New York State  
Parole officers, Hoch Dlodlo, and Festa

did the following to me (*briefly state what each defendant named above did*): conducted an unreasonable search of my  
person to assist Police officers in their duties without Probable Cause, which lead to four years of incarceration and an Additional  
Sentence of three years, a total of seven years I was sentenced to. On or about August 3rd, 2018 Niagara County became liable  
when they were presented with facts that demonstrated the Absence of Probable Cause but still allowed the Proceedings to  
continue to a Jury trial.

The federal basis for this claim is: Deprivation of Rights Guaranteed by State and Federal law 14th Ammendment and  
4 Ammendment U.S.C.A..

State briefly **exactly** what you want the Court to do for you. *Make no legal arguments and cite no cases or statutes:*  
Monetary damages awarded to me for this incident / False Arrest

**B. SECOND CLAIM:** On (*date of the incident*) \_\_\_\_\_,  
defendant (*give the name and (if relevant) position held of each defendant involved in this incident*) \_\_\_\_\_

did the following to me (*briefly state what each defendant named above did*): \_\_\_\_\_

The federal basis for this claim is: \_\_\_\_\_

State briefly **exactly** what you want the Court to do for you. *Make no legal arguments and cite no cases or statutes:*

**If you have additional claims, use the above format to set them out on additional sheets of paper.**

**6. SUMMARY OF RELIEF SOUGHT**

*Summarize the relief requested by you in each statement of claim above.*

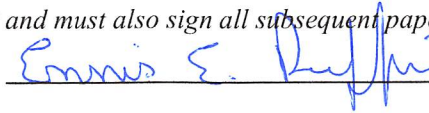
- \$ 2,000,000.00 from New York State Parole
- \$1,000,000.00 from Niagara County
- Release from Parole Supervision of the State of New York

Do you want a **jury trial**? Yes ☒ No ☐

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.**

Executed on March 2nd, 2022  
(date)

**NOTE:** *Each plaintiff must sign this complaint and must also sign all subsequent papers filed with the Court.*



Signature(s) of Plaintiff(s)

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## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Ennis Edward Ruffin

## (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

## (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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## DEFENDANTS

1. NEW YORK STATE PAROLE / 2. NIAGARA COUNTY

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant NIAGARA

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

1. LETICIA JAMES  
2. CLAUDE A. JOERG

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.](#)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

## V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
42 U.S. CODE SECTION 1983Brief description of cause:  
FALSE ARREST

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.DEMAND \$  
3,000,000.00CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE  
03/02/2022

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Ennis E. Ruffin Pro Se

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RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE